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1. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS CITED BY MOLOWA BUT WILL ATTEMPT DISCREETLY CHECK THEM OUT IN NEXT FEW DAYS. IT IS POSSIBLE REVERE'S REAL CONCERN RELATES TO PERSISTENT RUMORS HERE TO EFFECT REVERE PAID OFF FORMER PM HUGH SHEARER (JLP), FORMER JLP MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY ROBERT LIGHTBOURNE, AND OTHERS TO TUNE OF SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS IN MID-1960'S IN CONNECTION WITH ESTABLISHMENT REVERE OPERATION. THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN FLOATING AROUND FOR YEARS AMONG VARIOUS JAMAICANS CLOSE TO BAUXITE GAME. SPECIFICS ARE ALWAYS RATHER FUZZY AND VARIED. AS AN EXAMPLE, ONE LOCAL ATTORNEY ASSOCIATED WITH BAUXITE INDUSTRY FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS CLAIMS THAT PAYMENT MADE TO SHEARER IN 1966 OR 1967 BEFORE HE BECAME PM AND WHILE HE WAS ISLAND SUPERVISOR OF BITU. ANY SUCH PAYMENT PRESUMABLY MADE IN CONNECTION WITH SATISFACTORY FINALIZATION LABOR CONTRACT. WE HAVE NO MEANS OF ADEQUATELY CHECKING OUT THESE ALLEGATIONS, ALTHOUGH WE WILL TRY TO DEVELOP MORE SPECIFICS. WE SEE NO HARM IN DEPARTMENT POINTING OUT TO REVERE ALLEGATIONS TO ABOVE EFFECT DO EXIST AND COULD BE USED AGAINST REVERE IF THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO THEM. CONFIDENTIAL

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2. ASSUMING SUBSTANCE TO ALLEGATIONS, MOLOWA'S COMMENT
ON GOJ MOTIVES (PARA 4 REFTEL) MAY BE RIGHT ON THE NOSE.
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